

SECTION 16.(b) G.S. 105-164.27A(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Telecommunications Service. – A direct pay permit for telecommunications service authorizes its holder to purchase telecommunications service without paying tax to the seller and authorizes the seller to not collect any tax on a sale to the permit holder. A person who purchases telecommunications service under a direct pay permit must file a return and pay the tax due monthly to the Secretary. A direct pay permit issued under this subsection does not apply to any tax other than the tax on telecommunications service.

A call center that purchases ~~interstate~~ telecommunications service that originates outside this State and terminates in this State may apply to the Secretary for a direct pay permit for telecommunications service. A call center is a business that is primarily engaged in providing support services to customers by telephone to support products or services of the business. A business is primarily engaged in providing support services by telephone if at least sixty percent (60%) of its calls are incoming."

SECTION 17. G.S. 105-164.6(f) reads as rewritten:

"(f) Before a person may engage in business in this State selling or delivering tangible personal property for storage, use, or consumption in this State, the person must obtain a certificate of registration from the Department. To obtain a certificate of registration, a person must register with the Department.

The holder of the certificate of registration must pay the tax levied under this Article. A certificate of registration is valid unless it is revoked for failure to comply with the provisions of this Article or becomes void. A certificate issued to a retailer becomes void if, for a period of 18 months, the retailer files no returns or files returns showing no sales."

SECTION 18.(a) The lead-in language of G.S. 105-164.13 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-164.13. Retail sales and use tax.

The sale at retail, the use, storage or consumption in this State of the following tangible personal property and services is specifically exempted from the tax imposed by this Article:

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SECTION 18.(b) The lead-in language of G.S. 105-164.14(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Nonprofit Entities and Hospital Drugs. – A nonprofit entity included in the following list is allowed a semiannual refund of sales and use taxes paid by it under this ~~Article, except under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(4a) and G.S. 105-164.4(a)(4e),~~ Article on direct purchases of tangible personal property and services, other than electricity and telecommunications service, for use in carrying on the work of the nonprofit entity:

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SECTION 18.(c) The lead-in language of G.S. 105-164.14(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Certain Governmental Entities. – A governmental entity listed in this subsection is allowed an annual refund of sales and use taxes paid by it under this ~~Article, except under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(4a) and G.S. 105-164.4(a)(4e),~~ Article on direct purchases of tangible personal property and services, other than electricity and telecommunications service. ~~property.~~ Sales and use tax liability indirectly incurred by a governmental entity on building materials, supplies, fixtures, and equipment that become a part of or annexed to any building or structure that is owned or leased by the governmental entity and is being erected, altered, or repaired for use by the